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Aruba welcomes back Carnival lines

The aptly named Carnival Miracle cruised into Oranjestad Harbor yesterday at precisely 11:30 a.m., to receive a royal welcome as the island was re-established on the Carnival itinerary after nearly four years absence. Waiting at the terminal to greet the ship that carries 2,400 passengers and 900 crewmembers was a contingent of local dignitaries and tourism stakeholders lead by Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber.

The Prime Minister and Minister Oduber were joined by Carnival Vice President of Port Operations, Domenico Tringale in marking this auspicious occasion. Captain Rocco Lubrano, who commands the ship, joined them in the terminal after the docking, with APA Director Alfonso Boekhoudt, for an exchanging of gifts during this inaugural visit.

Minister Oduber reported this will be the first of 17 stops in Aruba by the Carnival Miracle over the season, delivering an expected 40,000 visitors and revenues of approximately \$6 million to island vendors. Carnival removed Aruba from their itinerary in January of 2007 due to rising fuel prices and the fact it was no longer cost effective to travel to the farthest southern reaches of the Caribbean. It now joins 311 cruise ships which include Aruba as a port of call.

Since this administration took office nearly a year ago, Minister Oduber campaigned vigorously for Carnival's return.



Domenico Tringale of Carnival Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister Otmar Oduber with Miracle arriving



A royal Aruban welcome for passengers of the Carnival Miracle



The Fruharte family took the cruise especially to come to Aruba

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Haiti outbreak of cholera is most deadly strain

SAINT MARC, Haiti (AFP) - The cholera that has killed 135 people in Haiti is the most deadly and dangerous kind, a health official said yesterday as doctors and relief groups scrambled to contain the outbreak.

The strain of cholera seen in camps north of the capital is "the most dangerous type," said Health Minister Alex Larsen, as contaminated river water was seen as the likely source of the bacteria.

Larsen said tests by the World Health Organization confirmed the 01 strain of cholera which is the most deadly and is responsible for most of the outbreaks around the world.

"We are in a sanitary crisis, this is a new woe for the country which has not seen this disease in the past," Larsen said after a crisis meeting with President Rene Preval.

The outbreak hit the northern part of Haiti, where hospitals were overflowing with some 1,500 new patients as the country still reels from an earthquake in January that killed more than 250,000 people and left another 1.2 million homeless.

The scope of the outbreak has grown rapidly in the past few days but has not yet reached the major displaced persons camps in and around the capital Port-au-Prince.

But officials fear the illness, which is caused by a bacterial infection in the small intestines, could spread quickly in densely populated tent cities that have poor sanitation and meager medical facilities, with the potential of unleashing a public health disaster.

In Geneva, WHO experts said initial tests showed traces of cholera. If confirmed, it would mark the first time that cholera has been reported in Haiti for more than a century.



Patients and families wait outside St. Nicolas Hospital

"Some stool samples were positive for cholera by rapid diagnostic tests," said WHO spokeswoman Fadela Chaib in Geneva.

"Although we cannot confirm the nature of this illness until the laboratory results are given to us we are concerned at the speed which it has spread," Chaib told journalists.

"We are on maximum alert," said Claude Surena, head of the Haitian Medical Association. "We must mobilize around the clock to help the government deal with this situation."

Some local media reports said victims far from medical facilities were buried in makeshift graves after dying. Cholera causes diarrhea and dehydration which if severe enough can cause death.

The outbreak is being blamed on the cholera-infected Artibonite river, an artery crossing Haiti's rural center that thousands of people use for much of their daily activities from washing to cooking.

The American Red Cross said the Haitian situation was troubling.

"This is not an area directly affected by the earthquake of January 12, but we are concerned about the speed with which this outbreak has

spread," said the US relief group, which is working with Haitian health officials.

"Contaminated river water is the suspected source, as most of the cases have occurred in an area stretching from north-central to north-west Haiti along the Artibonite River. A sanitary cordon is in place around the affected region in an effort to contain the spread of disease."

Another US relief group, World Vision, said it was sending supplies and other aid.

New storm alerts posted for Central America

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - New alerts were posted yesterday in Honduras as Tropical Storm Richard churned toward the Central American nation, the latest in a series of storms affecting the region.

Richard, the 17th named storm of the season, was on a path to brush Honduras and possibly move over Belize and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, the US-based National Hurricane Center said.

Richard was some 150 miles (240 kilometers) east of the Honduras-Nicaragua border, packing sustained winds

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - Al-Jazeera yesterday released what it called "startling new information" from US documents obtained by WikiLeaks, alleging state-sanctioned Iraqi torture and the killing of hundreds of civilians at US military checkpoints.

It said that the major findings included a US military cover-up of Iraqi state-sanctioned torture and "hundreds" of civilians deaths at manned American checkpoints after the US-led invasion of 2003 that ousted Saddam Hussein.

The Qatar-based satellite broadcaster also said the leaked papers, dating from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2009, show the United States kept a death count throughout the war, despite US denials.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton condemned "in the most clear terms" the leaks of any documents putting Americans at risk.

Speaking to reporters in

of 40 miles (65 kilometers) per hour.

Richard could intensify and become a hurricane over the weekend, the center said.

A hurricane watch was in effect along with a tropical storm warning from the Honduras-Nicaragua border to the Honduran city of Limon.

On its forecast track, Richard is expected to dump rain on northern Honduras and Belize as well as parts of Nicaragua and Guatemala, then strike Mexico's Yucatan peninsula.

WikiLeaks papers show Iraq torture, US killings

Washington, she declined to discuss the specifics of the WikiLeaks disclosures.

"But I do have a strong opinion that we should condemn in the most clear terms the disclosure of any information by individuals and or organisations which puts the lives of United States and its partners' servicemembers and civilians at risk," she said.

Earlier yesterday, the WikiLeaks website promised a "major announcement" in Europe today, in a message on its Twitter feed.

At least 109,000 people were killed, 63 percent of them civilians, in Iraq between the US-led invasion of March 2003 and the end of 2009, Al-Jazeera reported secret US documents obtained yesterday by WikiLeaks as saying

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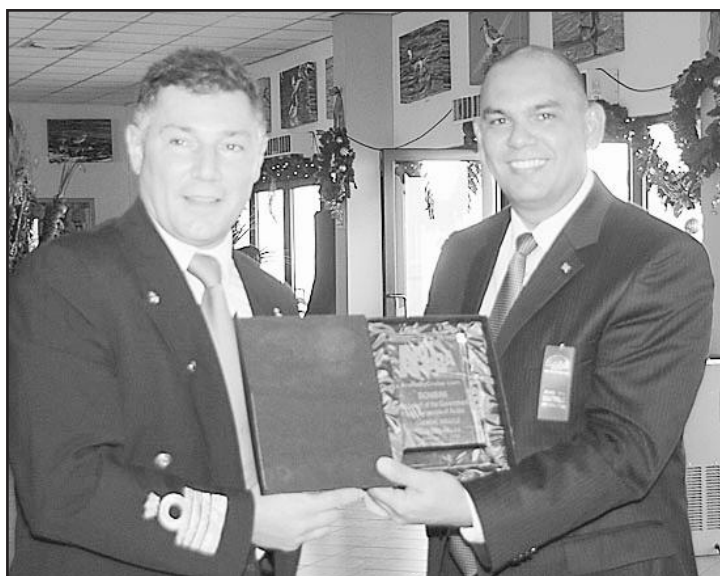
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A special gift for Captain Lubrano



Alfonso Boekhoudt director of APA presents a gift to Captain

"As Minister of Tourism, I am determined to attract and increase the amount of cruise visitors to the island," he told the gathering. "I know this industry is critical to the well-being of the Oranjestad business community as well as many others. To accomplish this we have also made a commitment to enhance the experience of our cruise visitors from the moment they get off the ship." This includes a gift of an informative CD about the island, which will hopefully entice cruise passengers to return as overnight vacationers.

Captain Lubrano reports he is pleased commanding a ship which again stops in Aruba, and is familiar with the island from his tenure with Carnival Destiny. Carnival was convinced by Minister Oduber there would be enough interest in Aruba as a cruise destination that customers would be willing to pay the extra cost for coming to the Southern Caribbean. Captain Lubrano confirmed the excited anticipation of his passengers as they approached their destination; one of the first groups off the boat, the Fruharty family of Maryland, also confirmed they selected the Carnival Miracle specifically because Aruba was one of its destinations. "It was higher priced, but we consider it well worth it."

Aruba Port Authority offered Carnival Miracle passengers a warm welcome of steelpan music, carnival dancers and a welcome gift. The passengers report it was the first elaborate greeting they had received on their itinerary so far, which includes Grand Turk, Dominican Republic, and Curacao. Many enjoyed this immersion into island culture and began dancing their way through the terminal on their way to exploring Oranjestad.



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Restart for Dutch anti-Islam lawmaker's hate speech trial

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The hate speech trial of Dutch anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders will start afresh after judges trying him were ordered to step down by a panel of their peers who upheld the politician's bias claims.

"The trial will start afresh," Amsterdam district court spokeswoman Mercedes Grootsoolten told AFP after a panel of oversight judges said Wilders' concerns of bias on the part of his trial judges were "understandable."

Judge GH Marcus, the president of a panel convened to consider Wilders' request for the judges' recusal, said their denial of his request to recall a witness "appears to be in conflict with the applicable jurisprudence."

"We find the applicant's fear that the court's decision points to a degree of bias ... understandable," the judge said.

Wilders, 47, went on trial on October 4 for inciting hatred by calling Islam "fascist" and likening the Koran to Hitler's "Mein Kampf."

There have been seven days of hearings so far. Judgement had been set for November 5.

But Wilders' defence lawyer, Bram Moszkowicz, asked yesterday that the trial judges be removed, saying they had created "an impression of partiality."

Being denied the opportunity to recall their defence witness would "make it impossible for the defence to substantiate a crucial part of its case," the lawyer said on what should have been the last day of arguments in the trial broadcast live on the Internet.

Marcus agreed the judges' decision not to allow the witness was "incomprehensible."

"I will get a new, fair chance," Wilders told journalists after the ruling.

Asked if his client was pleased with the process being dragged out, Moszkowicz said: "If Mr Wilders has to choose between judges who have the appearance of bias and a new trial with judges who do not have that appearance, the choice is easy to make."

According to Grootsoolten, a date for the retrial will be set after the new judges had been assigned. "It will depend on the available dates of the defence, the prosecution and the new judges," she said.

Wilders faces five counts of giving offence to Muslims and of inciting hatred against Muslims and people of non-Western immigrant origin, particularly Moroccans.

The politician, who will give parliamentary support to a new, rightist coalition government, risks up to a year in jail or a 7,600-euro fine for comments made in his campaign to "stop the Islamisation of the Netherlands."

The prosecution and defence have both asked for Wilders' acquittal, while Muslims have told the court he was "dangerous" and should be reined in.



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Little Leaguers open their season with a special evening at Paseo Herencia



Sponsor Benjamin Francees with some of the crew



New uniforms for the Little Leaguers

Ebullient and irrepressible perfectly describes the crew of seventy youngsters who took over TGI Friday's in the Paseo

Herencia Mall on Thursday evening, October 21, in celebration of the beginning of the 2010-2011 baseball season.




The sponsor of the Giants Baseball Organization, which includes twelve teams of athletes aged five to twelve, is Benjamin Francees, proprietor of Benjamin Security. "I am very pleased by the cooperation of TGI Friday's and the Paseo Herencia management in making the opening of the season so special for the kids," he expressed.

Not only did Benjamin foot the bill for a fun dinner, but he provided customized uniforms for all the organization, which was ceremoniously presented to the youngsters in the Plaza Padu following their meal. They proudly showed off their numbers and logo caps in anticipation of working their way up to the island championships.


This year, Aruba's Senior League champions made history by winning the regional Latin championship to go on and take the title of World Champions in the Senior League World Series in Bangor, Maine, for the first time. Aruba's Junior League players have also taken the regional championships to compete for the world title, and won second place in 2009. "This year, it is the Little League's turn to be in the spotlight," commented one of their coaches.

The youngsters were in the spotlight and center stage on Thursday evening at Paseo Herencia, which was a major sponsor of the Senior League World Champions. "I am proud that I can sponsor and encourage these youngsters in healthy pastimes, and that our older players have shown them how far they can go," concluded Benjamin Francees.



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Judge says Lindsay Lohan must stay in rehab to avoid jail

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A judge Friday ordered troubled US starlet Lindsay Lohan to complete a three-month course in rehab, saying she can avoid jail if she remains drug-free until next February.

The 24-year-old actress has been staying at the renowned Betty Ford clinic near Palm Springs since she was briefly jailed last month for failing a court-ordered drug test.

On Friday, Judge Judge Elden Fox of the Beverly Hills Superior Court told her she could avoid jail as long as she remained drug and alcohol free by her next scheduled hearing on February 25.

She was ordered to stay at the Betty Ford clinic until January 3, and undergo regular drugs tests -- and the judge said any violation would send her to jail for 180 days.

"I'm not going to be manipulated," Fox said.

"You are an addict. I think you have to change your lifestyle," Fox added, warning that if she did not remain drug-free she would "destroy what is a very lucrative career and profession."

"You're staying there past the New Year -- there's a reason for that," the judge added, prompting a smile from Lohan and laughter in the courtroom.

Lohan was sentenced on July 6 to serve 90 days in jail and another 90 days in rehab for violating her probation in a drunk-driving case. But due to jail overcrowding, she served just 13 days before being freed to the detox facility.

She was jailed again on September 25, but granted bail after only 15 hours behind bars.



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DETROIT – In just three minutes, customers claimed all 100 of the special edition 2011 Chevrolet Camaro Convertibles prepared exclusively for the annual Neiman Marcus Christmas Book. These new owners claimed their Neiman Marcus Edition cars via a special telephone reservation process, a few hours after the car appeared on NBC's Today Show.

Only 100 special edition

convertibles will be built, each offering luxury appointments inspired by Neiman Marcus combined with the legendary performance of the Camaro SS. The new owners will take delivery of their special edition cars in the spring of 2011, shortly after the new 2011 Chevrolet Camaro arrives in dealerships.

The Neiman Marcus Edition is defined by its exclusive Deep Bordeaux exterior

color, accented by subtle, "ghosted" rally stripes. The exterior color is complimented by a matching fabric top and windshield frame finished in matte silver, both also exclusive to the Neiman Marcus edition.

The Neiman Marcus Camaro Convertible has a retail price of \$75,000. For more information on the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book, please visit: www.neiman-marcus.com/christmasbook.

All Neiman Marcus Edition Camaro Convertibles will be SS models with a 6.2-liter, V-8 engine. The 100 future owners who made reservations have between the 6-speed manual or 6-speed automatic transmission.

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Facebook voyeurism a part of workplace life: report

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — Facebook fans tend to lurk instead of play when they tune into the social network while at their jobs, according to a report released Thursday by computer security firm Palo Alto Networks.

While many workers link to Facebook on company computers, 88 percent of the online traffic consists of people watching what friends are up to in the online community, the report found.

Use of social games such as "FarmVille" popular at Facebook accounted for only five percent of the traffic, while a meager 1.4 percent was devoted to posting updates or comments at the social network.

"The risks that voyeurism represent include a potential loss of productivity and the possibility of malware introduction by clicking on a link within someone's 'wall,'" Palo Alto Networks said in the report.

"The small amount of (Facebook posts) should not minimize the risks in terms of what users are saying about work-related subjects such as current projects, travel plans and company status."

Managers of company computer networks face growing challenges in dealing with risks posed by Internet trends such as online communities or sharing music, game, photo or video files on peer-to-peer networks.

British nuclear submarine runs aground



File photo show the British Royal Navy's nuclear submarine, HMS Astute

LONDON (AFP) — A British nuclear submarine ran aground off a Scottish island on Friday, the defence ministry said, adding that there were no immediate signs of any casualties or environmental damage.

HMS Astute -- which only entered service in August and is billed as the Royal Navy's most powerful hunter-killer submarine -- got into trouble near the Isle of Skye.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said that the rudder of the 3.5-billion-pound (3.94-billion euro, 5.5-billion-dollar) submarine had become "grounded".

"Whilst conducting a personnel transfer HMS Astute

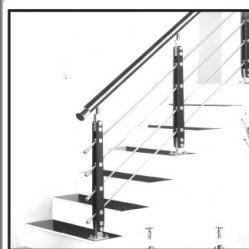
grounded her rudder in the vicinity of the Isle of Skye. She was initially unable to free herself and we are waiting for the next high tide," the spokesman told AFP.

"No part of the Astute's nuclear propulsion system is damaged or in danger of being damaged. We can confirm there are no injuries to personnel and there is no environmental damage."

The ministry added in a statement: "This is not a nuclear incident."

The BBC showed a photograph of the submarine lying half submerged in shallow water, with two tugboats nearby.

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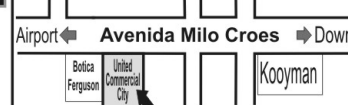


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Sony reports hot demand for PlayStation 3 motion



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — Sony Computer Entertainment America (SCEA) said that it has a hit on its hands with its new Move motion-sensing controllers for PlayStation 3 videogame consoles.

Sony reported that it sold more than a million Move devices in North and Latin America in the 30 days after it hit the market in September.

"Retail demand is incredibly strong and we're working hard to keep the product in stock," said SCEA chief executive Jack Tretton.

"We believe we are on target to meet our end of year goals and expect sales to increase as our publishers and developers continue to update popular titles and introduce new games."

Two dozen videogames tailored to Move play are available, with titles including shooters such as "Killzone" and "Resident Evil" as well as sports games including "Tiger Woods PGA Tour 11."

An additional 15 Move games planned for release in the coming year range from

sports and shooter titles to puzzle and "family-friendly" fare aimed at capitalizing on the appeal of motion-sensing controllers to casual players.

Move wands are priced at 49.99 dollars. A smaller "sub controller" wand for use navigating characters in shooter games is priced at 29.99 dollars.

Sony combines Move controllers with Eye cameras and a videogame in bundles sold for 99.99 dollars. Adding a PS3 console to that bundle raises the price to 399.99 dollars.

PlayStation Eye cameras, which are needed to track movements of controller wands, sell separately for 39.99 dollars.

Move controllers, which are reminiscent of small black flashlights topped with brightly colored orbs, allow gamers to control PS3 play with swings, jabs and other natural movements instead of the toggle-and-button commands that have been trademarks of play on PS3 and rival Xbox 360 consoles by Microsoft.

Microsoft's rival Kinect devices are due out on No-

vember 4.

The firms are taking their battle for gamers' affections into terrain that had been ruled by Nintendo Wii consoles with innovative motion-sensing controls that became marketplace stars after the system was released in late 2006.

Microsoft's Kinect controllers for Xbox 360 consoles use 3-D cameras and gesture recognition software to let people play videogames using natural body movements and spoken commands instead of hand-held controllers.

Microsoft said a "Kinect for Xbox 360" that will sell for 149.99 dollars will include the Kinect Sensor and the videogame "Kinect Adventures," which features a river raft ride through an obstacle course.

The Kinect Sensor will work with the 42 million Xbox 360s already sold worldwide.

A four-gigabyte Xbox 360 console will include the Kinect Sensor and "Kinect Adventures" will sell for 299 dollars.

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Low-dose aspirin slashes colon cancer risk



PARIS (AFP) – Low doses of aspirin, taken daily and over the long term, cut cases of colorectal cancer by a quarter and the death toll from this disease by a third, according to a study published online on Friday by The Lancet.

Aspirin is already recommended in low, daily doses by many doctors for patients at risk of a heart attack or a stroke.

High doses of this cheap, over-the-counter medication have similarly been found to help prevent cancer of the rectum and colon.

But, studies have also found, the benefits may well be outweighed by the risks, such as increased bleeding from high aspirin use.

Eager to verify whether low doses can also be protective, researchers followed up four trials in Britain and Sweden, conducted in the 1980s or early 1990s, on the cardiovascular impacts of aspirin.

The study entailed looking over centralised data banks to see whether volunteers in these trials had since died or been diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

On average, the trials lasted six years, entailing volunteers who took either aspirin or a dummy lookalike pill called a placebo. The doses ranged up to 1,200 mg.

Out of 14,033 patients whose health could be traced 18 years or so since the trial, 391 had colorectal cancer, the investigators found.

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Maximising the benefits

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Sex, lies and pomegranate juice focus of US legal battle



WASHINGTON (AFP) – If the claims are to be believed, pomegranate juice can change your life, preventing prostate and breast cancer, protecting against heart disease and even alleviating erectile dysfunction.

Could it be the elixir from the original fruit of the Garden of Eden? No, says the US Federal Trade Commission, which is suing the California group POM Wonderful for making "false and unsubstantiated claims" about its products.

POM has said it would challenge the FTC, setting up a high-profile battle between the maker of the popular juice and authorities over the so-called superfood which has also been purported to help fight Alzheimer's disease and arthritis and improve sperm quality.

"Any consumer who sees POM Wonderful products as a silver bullet against disease has been misled," said David Vladeck, director of the FTC's bureau of consumer protection.

The company, a unit of the Roll International group that includes Teleflora and Fiji Water, is gearing up for battle. It has filed its own lawsuit against the FTC alleging interference with its free speech rights for POM, which does not publish financial results but is believed to have sales of some 100 million dollars a year.

"Because POM products may in fact offer the promise of better health, we believe it is important to share the research results as they become available," the company said in a statement, refusing to directly answer questions on the court case.

"This is especially true since our products do not carry the risks associated with pharmaceutical drugs.

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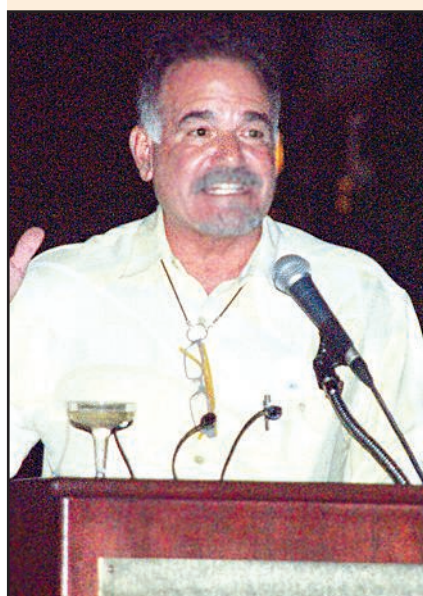
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Yesterday was 20 years to the day that the Hyatt Regency Aruba first opened their doors.

On the eve of this auspicious occasion the resort hosted a grand party around the pool deck for guests, associates and friends, as one would expect from the elegant hospitality chain.

The stunning environs of the resort's multi-tiered pool deck easily accommodated the 1000 or more guests who feasted on ethnic dishes from around the globe and a sampling of typical Aruban treats. The deck was illuminated by strategically placed screens flashing highlights in the history of the resort and its associates from the past two decades.

It was a particularly poignant moment for the many Hyatt associates who have

been with the resort since it began operation, when Carlos Cabrera, their first general manager, stepped to the podium to officially welcome all their guests. Carlos, who also did a stint as Director of Aruba's hotel association during his six years at the helm of the Hyatt, now holds the position of Senior Vice President, Field Operations Florida and Caribbean. He expressed his enormous satisfaction with the state of the resort after having undergone \$22 million in renovations, which were completed in 2008. He declared his pleasure at being reunited with many of the associates that were by his side during those beginning years, and was proud to introduce one of them, Fred Hoffmann, who had been the banquet manager and was just recently appointed general manager of the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino.

Fred Hoffman expressed his great pleasure in returning to Aruba after 17 years serving Hyatt at various locations, to helm the resort where he started his career with the international corporation. He shares a 20 year celebration with Hyatt as well. Joined by several of his management team, he shared a champagne toast with Carlos with the sentiment of looking forward to another 20 successful, productive years for the Aruban resort. The Hyatt



Fred Hoffmann with wife Ella and children Margarita and Lorenzo

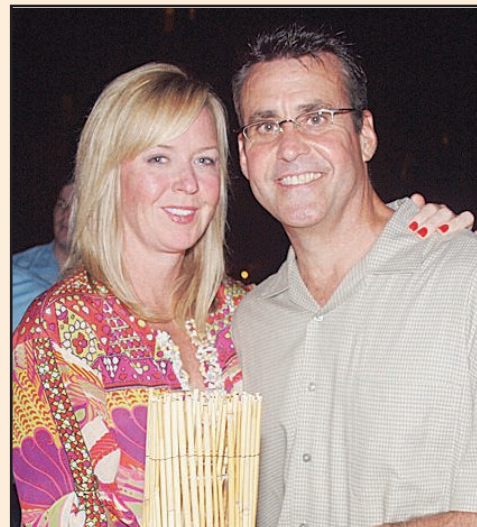
has set several milestones in Aruba recently, including being the first major resort on the Palm Beach strip to be awarded a Green Globe Earthcheck Certification for Environmental Awareness and Achievement.

Guests for the evening had been invited to enjoy a night of "Authentic Island Chic," which is the Hyatt Regency Aruba's trademark style. The spectacular night was short on ceremony, dedicated to a celebration of all those who contributed to its phenomenal success, the associates, management, their loyal patrons and island partners who have supported them along the way. It was an irrefutably spectacular event, worthy of the Hyatt name.

by Rosalie Klein



Hein van Putten with wife and friend



Naomi Campbell: 'I Don't Know If I've Been a Great Role Model'



Naomi Campbell

Naomi Campbell has, for decades, worked to create a greater role for women of color in the fashion industry.

Yet these days, she is perhaps better known for occasionally bizarre personal antics (phone-throwing, initial refusal to testify against a former war lord) than her extremely impressive modeling career.

Campbell expressed some reservations about being considered a role model, insisting,

"I'm not a perfect human being."

So I always get nervous when people speak about something that sounds like a role model, because I don't

know if I've been a great role model myself.

I admit to my mistakes.

I admit it.

But I'm trying to do right by myself and my life now."

Naomi's method of recovering from her mistakes is really quite simple.

"I don't get depressed. When I feel an attack, I withdraw.

I disappear, I replenish, and then I come back.

I'm not going to wallow in my self-pity and not live my life.

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In memory of the late

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Who sailed away on October 18th, 2010

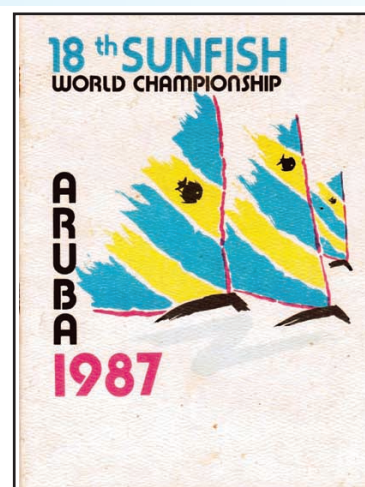
"Catch the Spirit," this was Ernie's phrase to prompt you to take up sailing. In particular sunfish sailing. He was so passionate about this sport that he saw to it that the Sunfish Club Aruba hosted the Sunfish World Championship three times on Aruba, in 1974 the fifth, in 1980 the 11th and in 1987 the 18th. SCA member of honor, Ernest (Ernie) Kervel, was the driving force behind the organization of these world class events.

Kervel chaired Sunfish Club Aruba for many years and he was also the second president of the International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA). The Sunfish World Championships were major events. Over 100 Sunfish sailors from all over the world vis-



ited Aruba each time. Whereas the event lasted one week, preparations typically started a year or more in advance. The races were held at Palm Beach across the Holiday Inn Hotel. The 1974 World Championship was won by Serge Marsole of Guadeloupe. The 1980 World Championship was won by Cor van Aarholt of The Netherlands who later

settled in Curaçao. And the 1987 World Championship was won by Bruce Sutphen of Illinois, USA. Due to Ernie's unrelenting passion for sailing he made our island achieve an important place in the field of international sport. Another water-sport activity with international allure came in the wake of the sunfish worlds namely the Aruba



Hi-Winds to which Aruba played host for many years. This windsurfing international event produced local and regional talents who could compete at the Olympic Games.

To that end SCA created a national sailing federation affiliated to the I.Y.R.U. In-

ternational Yacht Racing Union. Today that federation "the Aruba Sailing Association" which governs all sailing sports in Aruba is a full member of the International Sailing Federation. Ernie's inspiration and constant reiteration to found a sailing school finally crystallized with the birth of the "Stichting Youth Watersports Aruba".

A sailing school for the young to obtain basic training in sailing technique and develop sailing skills. Ernie being the eldest sailor at 79 sailed during the Aruba Rembrandt Regatta 2010 on his 24-foot yacht Ocean 508 in the Round Aruba Race.

Ernie's desire to make "sailing" a stronger sport in Aruba lives on so "Catch the Spirit."

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Not really double trouble, but double fun! Solve this puzzle as you would a regular crossword, EXCEPT place one, two, or three letters in each box. The number of letters in each answer is shown in parentheses after its clue.

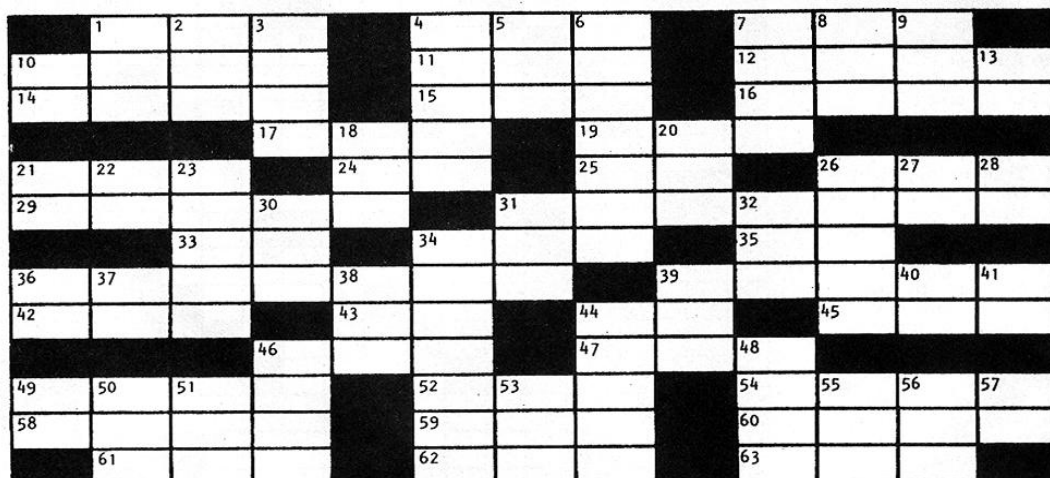
ACROSS

1. West Pointer (5)
4. Bravery (5)
7. Manage (6)
10. Alien (8)
11. Paint with acid (4)
12. Teachers (7)
14. Badge (6)
15. Closest (7)
16. Collating (7)
17. Sluggishness (7)
19. Portion (6)
21. Organic compound (5)
24. Smooth (4)
25. Weary (4)
26. Straw hat (6)
29. Incubus (9)
31. TV announcer (11)
33. Evict (4)
34. College head (4)
35. Sorry (6)

36. Businessman (13)
39. Saw (9)
42. Formed a crust (5)
43. Direction (4)
44. Fork parts (5)
45. Lampoon (6)
46. Stern (6)
47. Tree (5)
49. Turkish VIPs (7)
52. Glossy (5)
54. Buyers (6)
58. Echo (6)
59. Soak (5)
60. Awfully (8)
61. Sight (6)
62. Chemical compound (5)
63. Preachers' homes (6)

DOWN

1. Sour one (4)
2. Corner (5)
3. Make sure (9)
4. Blind or red (8)
5. Church table (5)
6. Musical arrangement (13)
7. Size (9)
8. Clergyman (6)
9. Civil wrong (4)
10. Flower part (4)
13. Chant (4)
18. Adore (6)
20. Step (5)
21. Blackbird (3)
22. Power (5)
23. Reduced in grade (7)
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28. Go wrong (3)
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34. Saddens (10)
36. Peruvian (4)
37. Twilight (4)
38. Depart (5)
39. Apple type (7)
40. Chair part (4)
41. Extreme (4)
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46. Feeling (9)
48. TV host David (9)
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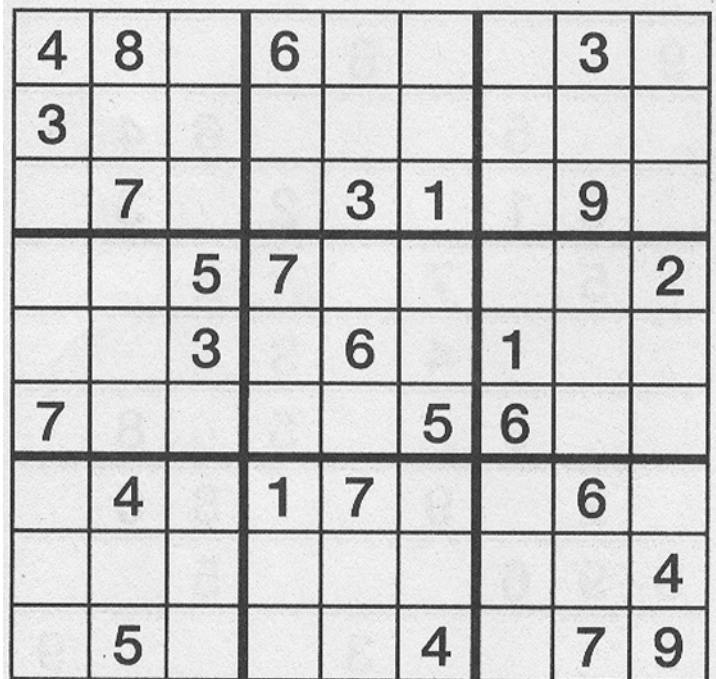
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



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Finance

Putin: Russia harvests 60 million tons of grain

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) - Russia harvested 60 million tons of grain this year, in line with adjusted forecasts due to drought, and will maintain its export ban until July 2011, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said yesterday.

"Despite the difficult conditions, the drought, we harvested in Russia around 60 million tons of grain," Putin was quoted as saying by Russian news agencies during a meeting in Rostov-on-Don in its southern agricultural belt.

"Taking into account existing reserves this harvest will allow us to meet the needs of our country," he added.

Austerity threatens French recovery, jobs: think tank

PARIS, France (AFP) - Austerity measures threaten to hinder France's economic recovery and lead to a further increase in unemployment, a think tank warned yesterday.

"The austerity measures will prevent the triggering of a virtuous cycle allowing the French economy to grow at a rate higher than its potential and therefore allowing unemployment to fall," the OFCE economic research center of Paris' elite Sciences Po university said in a report.

The think tank expects the French economy will manage 1.7 percent growth this year, slipping to 1.6 percent in 2011 as austerity measures kick in.

The French government forecasts 1.5 percent growth this year 2.0 percent growth

Putin said the government would keep in place the grain export ban it imposed until July 1, 2011.

Following a heatwave and drought that sparked severe fires, Russia dropped its grain harvest forecast to 60-65 million tons from 95 million tons.

The government slapped on an export ban in August, originally to the end of 2010, in order to ensure supplies and try to keep a lid on a rise in prices, but later extended it to mid-2011.

The export ban caused the price of wheat, of which Russia is a major exporter, to soar.

in 2011.

The OFCE said it expected the unemployment rate will rise to 9.7 percent of the workforce at the end of 2011, against 9.4 percent at the end of this year.

"The growth will be less rich in jobs, even destructive in jobs," said economist Eric Heyer in presenting the think tanks' forecasts.

The government's employment minister, Laurent Wauquiez, has pledged to bring unemployment under nine percent by the end of 2011.

Last month the French government proposed a budget with the toughest cuts in 50 years.

WTO gives mixed ruling in China-US anti-dumping dispute

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) - The World Trade Organisation yesterday partly rejected a Chinese complaint against the United States in a mixed ruling over US anti-dumping measures on some steel pipes, tyres and laminated woven sacks.

Although the WTO's dispute settlement body found that the "US Department of Commerce had acted inconsistently" with WTO rules on five elements of the case, it rejected China's contentions on at least 12 points, according to the ruling.

It called on the United States "to bring its measures into conformity with its obligations" on the contentious items, in the latest of series of bruising disputes between the world's biggest trading powers.

Both sides have 60 days to lodge an appeal against the highly technical ruling with the WTO.

The decision had been delayed for nearly a year beyond the standard deadline as the dispute settlement panel

of independent legal and trade experts grappled with the "substantive complexity" of the case, according to the trade body.

When Beijing formally lodged the complaint in September 2008, it had opposed the "unfair practices" that the United States applied during the investigations into the Chinese imports that led to the extra duties in 2007.

Nonetheless, the United States yesterday claimed victory in the dispute on the lucrative trade in materials used in everything from plumbing to fencing and cheap car tyres.

US Trade Representative (USTR) Ron Kirk said the WTO had upheld the nation's right to place duties on those goods from China, which were "unfairly subsidized."

"This is a significant win for American workers and businesses affected by unfairly traded imports," he said in a statement.

China's huge trade growth has led to an accumulation of disputes between the two

sides at the Geneva-based global trade body, notably Chinese shoes and certain raw materials.

China has lodged seven complaints with the WTO since 2002, five of them in disputes with the United States, while it had been targeted in 20 cases brought by trading nations with the boom in cheap Chinese exports in recent years.

Washington and Beijing have also clashed over duties on auto parts, coated paper and most recently outside the WTO on China's currency policies, which the US claims constitute an unfair export subsidy.

Dumping occurs when exports are sold abroad at below their cost on their home market.

The 153 WTO member states have a right to levy extra duty specifically targeting the excessively cheap imports under a complex set of rules, although the anti-dumping measures may subsequently be challenged by the exporting nation.

Farmers decry Canada-EU trade pact plan

OTTAWA, Canada (AFP) - Canadian farmers yesterday decry a Canada-European Union trade pact under negotiation, saying they fear the loss of a practice of saving, reusing, exchanging, and selling seeds.

"This is far more sweeping than any trade agreement we've ever seen," Terry Boehm, president of the National Farmers Union, told a press conference.

According to a draft of the

agreement, currently in its fifth round of negotiations, the pact would create intellectual property rights enforcement provisions that go far beyond Canada's existing laws -- allowing for the seizure of property for alleged infringements, including crop seeds.

Canadian farmers traditionally buy new varieties of seed each year but also keep some harvested for use in the next season. More and more seeds

are genetically modified and patented.

"For a farmer, he could lose his farm, his equipment and crops he's growing for using his own seeds if these are alleged to have been patented, before even having his day in court," said Boehm.

"This is absolutely draconian beyond any responsible measure anywhere and will create a culture of fear in the countryside."

Starbucks adds double-shot of Internet to cafe life

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) - Starbucks has teamed up with Internet pioneer Yahoo! to begin serving up online news and digital downloads along with coffee at its US cafes.

Starbucks Digital Network lets cafe dwellers use smartphones, laptop computers or tablet devices to tap into a custom online community accessible courtesy of free wireless Internet in the

chain's coffee shops.

The service is touted as the first in-shop network of its kind and comes as Yahoo! maneuvers to remain a key player in the Internet world after letting Microsoft take over handling of search queries at its websites.

Yahoo! built and manages the Starbucks network, with editors selecting content provided at a half dozen channels including news,

business, wellness, and, of course, deals and happenings at Starbucks.

"Yahoo!'s vision is to be the center of people's online lives by delivering personally relevant, meaningful Internet experiences where ever they may be," said Yahoo! executive vice president Elisa Steele.

People will be able to buy music from Apple's online iTunes shop or link to social

networking service Facebook and microblogging platform Twitter from the Starbucks network.

Starbucks marked the Wednesday launch of the network with a week-long offer of free songs from the band "Fistful of Mercy" and glimpses at a new film "Waiting for Superman" and an upcoming novel by Anita Shreve

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Kite surfing or kiteboarding is a surface water sport that uses the wind to pull a rider through the water on a small surfboard or a kiteboard (similar to a wakeboard). Generally kiteboarding refers to a style of riding known as freestyle or wake-style, whereas kitesurfing is more "wave-riding" oriented. These two styles usually require different boards and specific performance kites.

A kitesurfer or kiteboarder uses a board with or without foot-straps or bindings, combined with the power of a large controllable kite to propel the rider and the board across the water. In 2006, the number of kitesurfers has been estimated at around 150,000 to 210,000, with 114,465 inflatable kites sold that same year.

The sport is becoming safer due to innovations in kite design, safety release systems, and instructions. Riding styles have evolved to suit riders and conditions, such as wakestyle, waveriding, freestyle, freeride, jumping, and cruising.

Kitesurfing started on the island in 1998. Armando Wester, a professional windsurfer and certified instructor, and his buddies were the first ones to introduce Kitesurfing to the island of Aruba.

Since then, they have gotten more than 5,000 visitors and locals hooked on this new adrenaline rush sport.

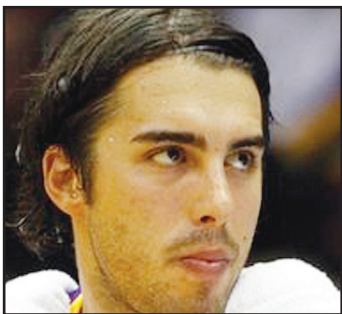
Their years of experience, the trade winds on the island, the beautiful Caribbean Sea and the latest equipment make it an ideal and safe place for anyone to learn to kite. Kitesurfing is a hybrid of wakeboarding, hand-gliding and windsurfing for a radical new approach of kite power.

Anyone between the ages of 8 and 77 can enjoy this sport.

So don't hesitate to call Armando or visit him at the Fisherman's huts, just north of the Aruba Marriott Resort, and see for yourself what an exhilarating rush this sport really is.

Lessons start daily at 9 a.m., 12 noon or 3 p.m.

Lakers guard Vujacic engages Sharapova in love match



Sasha Vujacic

SAN DIEGO, California — Los Angeles Lakers guard Sasha Vujacic is engaged to marry Maria Sharapova after the Slovenian told reporters before an exhibition game on Thursday that the Russian former tennis world number one had accepted his proposal.

Prior to the game against the

Golden State Warriors in San Diego, Vujacic said that the three-time grand slam champion had said "yes" to his "old-school" proposal, adding that they were both "really happy."

The 26-year-old Vujacic proposed on the couple's one-year anniversary of meeting at a friend's barbecue and their engagement was also confirmed by the team's official website reporter Mike Trudell on his social networking page.

No date has been set for the wedding.

The 23-year-old Sharapova, currently ranked number 18 in the world, won the Wimbledon title in 2004, the U.S. Open crown in 2006 and the Australian Open in 2008.

Sunday: NFL tail-gate BBQ from 10:30 a.m.

Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during play-offs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights



& WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday

to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.

by Rosalie Klein

1,535-pound pumpkin wins \$10,000 Prize

Siyana Odabasi, 19 months old, looks at a large pumpkin during the World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off contest in Half Moon Bay, California.

Ron Root, from Citrus Heights, Calif., won with his 1,535 pound Atlantic Giant with the prize money of \$10,210.

Root said that he used seeds from a previous winner's pumpkin to grow his beastly squash.



Bollywood looks for Diwali success



MUMBAI (AFP) – Bollywood is gearing up for a slew of new releases over the Hindu festival of Diwali, with expectations high that they will provide some cheer after a lacklustre year at the box office.

At least 10 big films are due to hit the screens in the coming weeks, with hopes of success pinned on the comedy "Golmaal 3" and the time-travel romance "Action Replayy" that will be released on Diwali itself on November 5.

Like the Christmas period for Hollywood, Diwali has traditionally been seen as a money-spinner for India's Hindi-language film industry, as studios look to attract the holiday crowd with well-trailed movies featuring big name stars.

Industry watchers estimate that Bollywood could make four billion rupees (90 million dollars) by the end of the year.

"The year has not been so good," said leading analyst Amod Mehra. "The success ratio has been very low. The worst period for the industry was in May and June when two films, 'Kites' and 'Raan' bombed badly."

"The losses from these two films was two billion rupees and it was a huge blow."

"A ray of hope has been provided by two films, 'Dabaang' (Fearless) and 'Robot'. Things are looking very promising this festive

season."

"Dabaang", starring Salman Khan, grossed 10.8 million dollars during its opening weekend last month, surpassing the record of Aamir Khan's hit "3 Idiots", which took nine million dollars earlier this year.

The sci-fi fantasy adventure "Robot", made in three languages and starring the South Indian film legend Rajinikanth, opened two weeks ago and took more than double that, according to industry figures.

Trailers for "Golmaal 3" have been well received, amid hopes it can repeat the success of previous editions of the comic capers of a group of young friends.

"Expectations are huge from 'Golmaal 3'," said critic Komal Nahta. "It's a sure shot winner. It's the same with 'Action Replayy'."

"Golmaal 3" stars Ajay Devgn and Kareena Kapoor with a return to the screens for veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty, "the Indian James Bond", whose spy films from the 1980s have become cult hits.

"Action Replayy" sees Akshay Kumar go back in time to the 1970s to try to save his parents' ailing marriage.

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan -- fresh from her success alongside Rajinikanth in "Robot" -- also stars, with a supporting cast of huge flares, wing collars and plat-

form shoes.

A successful Diwali would raise spirits in Bollywood, which was hit last year by a producers' boycott of multiplex cinemas, swine flu fears and a string of big budget failures. The economic downturn also affected overseas takings.

Overall revenues fell 14 percent to 89.3 billion rupees in 2009, consultancy KPMG said in a report for the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The chief executive of the Star India group, Uday Shankar, told Businessworld magazine this month that only 14 of the 235 films released in the 12 months to August this year made a net profit.

Concerns have been expressed about the fees demanded by some leading actors and the need for studios to diversify revenue streams through cable and satellite television rights, the DVD home rental market and music downloads.

Salman Khan also echoed another long-standing worry in an interview with Businessworld.

"Perhaps not enough attention is paid to the script or sometimes viewers just don't like the film," he was quoted as saying.

"There are many entertainment options these days. It is a difficult phase for the industry but the show must go on."

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Spain holds siesta championship



SPAIN, Madrid : Clients of a suburban shopping centre of Madrid watch people taking part in the first Siesta (Nap) Championship on October 21, 2010.

MADRID (AFP) – What is billed as Spain's first national siesta championship is under way in Madrid to find the best napper and help revive the tradition of taking a snooze after lunch. Participants are monitored as they lie on bright blue sofas in the middle of a shopping mall for a 20-minute nap. Some wear pyjamas; others sport eye masks or cover their faces with their jackets.

They have pulse monitors attached to their bodies and the maximum of 20,000 points is awarded to those who manage to sleep for the full 20 minutes.

Sleeping fewer minutes means fewer points but judges also award marks for original sleeping positions, the loudest snore and the most eye-catching outfits.

The competition, organised by the National Association of Friends of the Siesta, began on October 14 and will wrap up on Saturday with the winner awarded a prize of

1,000 euros (1,400 dollars).

"The mission of the championship is to spread the idea that the nap is something of ours that must be defended and practised, because it is healthy and good for everyone," the association says on its website.

"Being able to do it in public requires having a spirit of a champion and to be a great siesta taker."

Eight rounds of the competition are held daily with each involving five participants on sofas lined up in parallel lanes like those of a track and field meet.

"We were afraid that people would be afraid of making fools of themselves but on average about 50 people have taken part each day," the association's spokesman, Alvaro Vidal, told AFP.

Given the success of the siesta contest, the association is planning to repeat the event in the future and hold editions outside of Spain, he added.

Shock u-turn as Rooney signs new deal with United



LONDON (AFP) - Wayne Rooney performed a shock u-turn Friday by signing a new five-year contract with Manchester United just days after appearing to be on his way out of Old Trafford.

Rooney had rocked United on Wednesday by revealing that he wanted to leave the Premier League club because they no longer had enough ambition to compete for major honours.

However United reopened talks with Rooney's agent and announced on Friday that the player had made an astonishing u-turn and opted to commit his long-term future to the club.

A statement on the club's website said: "Wayne Rooney has agreed a new five-year contract to stay at Manchester United until at least June 2015.

"The agreement follows intensive discussions between the Club and the player's representatives and means that by the end of his contract Wayne will have been a Manchester United player for 11 years."

Rooney, who was reportedly demanding wages of around 150,000 pounds (235,664 dollars) a week after tax in the original contract negotiations, insisted he agreed the new deal because Sir Alex Ferguson had convinced him United remain committed to succeeding on the pitch.

"I am delighted to sign another deal at United," he said. "In the last couple of days, I have talked to the manager and the owners and they have convinced me this is where I belong."

"I said on Wednesday the manager is a genius and it is his belief and support that have convinced me to stay."

"I'm signing a new deal in the absolute belief that the management, coaching staff, board and owners are totally committed to making sure United maintains its proud winning history - which is the reason I joined the club in the first place."

United manager Ferguson had already revealed earlier in the week that contract talks with Rooney had broken down in August and it seemed certain the former Everton star would be sold.

Ferguson's comments about Rooney's failure to show respect for United seemed to signal a breakdown in their relationship, especially as it came after a war of words between the two over the United manager's decision to rest his star for three matches due to an ankle injury.

But Ferguson said Friday he was delighted with Rooney's decision: "It's been a difficult week, but the intensity of the coverage is what we expect at Manchester United."

"I said to the boy that the door is always open and I'm

delighted Wayne has agreed to stay."

"Sometimes, when you're in a club, it can be hard to realise just how big it is and it takes something like the events of the last few days to make you understand."

"I think Wayne now understands what a great club Manchester United is."

Rooney had been increasingly linked with a move to arch local rivals Manchester City, prompting an angry reaction from fans.

One group protested at his house on Thursday and had to be moved on by police.

Favre returns to Green Bay amid off-field woes

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Brett Favre heads back to his old haunt in Green Bay this weekend surrounded by a personal scandal and trying to resurrect a struggling NFL team that is off to a 2-3 start.

Favre was booed a year ago when he visited Green Bay and threw four touchdown passes to lead the Minnesota Vikings to victory at Lambeau Field.

What a difference a year makes as now the 41-year-old Favre is looking his age and facing allegations of texting lewd photos of himself to a former New York Jets female employee when he played with that team.

"Not once did I ever step in that stadium that I did not respect and feel very privileged to be on Lambeau Field," said Favre, who played 16 seasons for the Packers before leaving to join the Jets two years ago.

Asked at practice this week about the reaction he's expecting from the Packers fans, Favre said he is trying not to think about it.

"I'd like for it to be a better reaction than last year, but I can't be concerned about that," he said. "I know what I did there, the legacy that I left behind, the commitment I had to that team, the way I played. And it was a long, long time. So I'm proud of that. And I'm not going to really think about it."

Favre met with NFL vice president for security Milt Ahlerich on Tuesday about his alleged inappropriate advances toward then-Jets game emcee Jenn Sterger two years ago.

He downplayed the investigation saying he wanted to concentrate on playing foot-



ball and some of Favre's teammates are rallying around him.

Favre also reiterated this week that this will likely be his final season although he has said that before, especially when trying to negotiate a new contract.

"Just hold your pen. We'll see what happens," he said. "Let's get through this game, and we'll figure out what happens the rest of the year. But I plan on ending it."

In other games to watch this weekend, Kevin Kolb is expected to start at quarterback for Philadelphia against Tennessee who had a short week of practice after playing the Monday night game.

It will be the third straight start for Kolb in the wake of the rib injury Michael Vick suffered in an October 3 loss to the Redskins.

Kolb was the NFC offensive player of the week in the 31-17 win over Atlanta, going 23-for-29 for 326 yards. He set career highs for completion percentage (79.3) and touchdown passes (three).

Kolb started the season opener against the Green Bay but suffered a concussion in the first half and was replaced by Vick, who started the next three games. But an injury to Vick forced the team to go

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Fighting Phils keep playoff hopes alive

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - The defending National League champion Philadelphia Phillies staved off elimination for at least one more game as their bullpen backed up a gutsy performance from injured ace Roy Halladay Thursday.

Jayson Werth homered for an insurance run in the ninth for Philadelphia who kept their playoff hopes alive with a 4-2 win over San Francisco in game five to cut the Giants best-of-seven series lead to three games to two.

"I put a good swing on it," Werth said. "When I hit it I didn't know if it would go out. I was just running hard out of the box and luckily it went out."

San Francisco was forced to put its celebration on hold. The Giants now must win once in two tries at Philly for the franchise's fourth pennant since moving to the USA western seaboard in 1958.

Halladay, who played through the pain of a groin pull, was not at his best through six innings but the Phillies survived thanks to their bullpen and just enough run support from their batters.

"We were able to get the lead," Halladay said. "We did all we could to hold it. I would have liked to get deeper but the bullpen did great job."

Placido Polanco hit an RBI single and the two-time



Roy Halladay #34 of the Philadelphia Phillies pitches against the San Francisco Giants in Game Five of the NLCS during the 2010 MLB Playoffs

reigning NL champions forced a game six back home on Saturday

"Doc battled to kept us in game," Werth said of Halladay. "We were able to push some runs across and now we head back to Philly."

"We hope to get on that bird tonight. There is nothing

to lose heading back to our stadium and our fans where we like to play."

Shane Victorino drove in the first of two runs that scored on Giants first baseman Aubrey Huff's third-inning fielding error.

The Phillies took advantage of Huff's blunder during

a wild three-run third inning. Werth's insurance homer came off San Francisco reliever Ramon Ramirez in the ninth.

The Giants, who won the previous two contests at home to take a commanding 3-1 lead, are trying to reach their first World Series in eight years.

Halladay won the game one rematch with Tim Lincecum by allowing six hits and two runs, while walking two and fanning five batters. Brad Lidge retired the side in order in the ninth for his first save of this series.

Game six is at Citizens Bank Park with Roy Oswalt scheduled to pitch for the Phillies and Jonathan Sanchez for the Giants. A potential game seven would be Sunday.

The Giants put the possibility of tying the series in scoring position in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings but couldn't capitalize, losing in a potential postseason clincher at home for the first time since Game 7 of the 1962 World Series against the New York Yankees.

Second seed Azarenka into Kremlin Cup semis

MOSCOW (AFP) - Victoria Azarenka, second seed at the WTA Kremlin Cup, cruised comfortably into the semis with a straight-sets win over Russia's Alisa Kleybanova here on Friday.

The 21-year-old Belarus won 6-1, 6-3, in one hour 40 minutes in her first ever head-to-head meeting with Kleybanova, seeded seventh.

"We both played a very good match today," Azarenka said. "The first set was much more difficult than it may appear looking at the scoreboard."

"I was battling for every single point and luck was on my side today in the deciding moments."

"I want to win Kremlin Cup and also hope to show my best tennis here."

Azarenka, who is currently 10th in the world, came into the match at full confidence, breaking her rival's serve three times from the start for a one-set advantage after 49 minutes.

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In the second the opponents were trading breaks but Azarenka, who is seeking her year's second and career fifth title here, was more precise on the hardcourts of Moscow's Olympic stadium winning the set and the match on the first match-point.

In the semi-final Azarenka will face eight-seed Spaniard Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, who experienced few troubles in her quarter-final clash with Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia winning it 6-2, 6-3.

Sixth seed Russian Maria Kirilenko also booked her place in the event's last four as she saw off Kazakhstan's teenage prodigy Zarina Diyas in straight sets 6-1, 6-2.

In the semis Kirilenko will face compatriot Vera Dushkevina, who battled into the last four with a 6-3, 7-6 (9/7) win over another Russian Anna Chakvetadze.

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Results Day 2 Aruba Caribbean Cup



The weather and the fishing have been great for the 23 participating teams in the the Chivas Regal Aruba Caribbean Cup Presented by the Centro di

Pesca Hadicurari.

Ted Smith's Southern Pride continued to roll through the tournament standings in day 2, releasing

another pair of blue marlin in Thursday's action for a total of 1900 points. His team also were holding down first and third in the individual angler totals as well.

Moving into second place was the Aruban-based Alina, captained by Eric Mansur. They caught a Grand Slam for the boat, earning an extra 100 bonus points for the team by releasing a blue marlin, white marlin and a sailfish in a single day, putting them in second with 1400 points.

In third was the Energy, another boat based in Aruba, with 1,000 points, adding a pair of blue marlin releases on Day Two to their total. For the second day of the tournament, there were nine blue marlin released, along with five white marlin and eight sailfish.

The angler race remained unchanged from Day One, with Russell Petranto in the lead with 700 points followed by Marcelo Heyden in second with 400 points. Tucker Colquhoun was in third with 400 points based on time of release.

The night ended with an Aruba-themed party with entertainment, drinks and snacks right after fishing at the Varadero Marina. This event was sponsored by Baptist Health International—their representative, Ivis Guerra.

DAY TWO RESULTS

BLUE MARLIN: 17
WHITE MARLIN: 9 SAILFISH: 21

1ST PLACE TEAM: Southern Pride 1900 points
2ND PLACE TEAM: Alina, 1400 pts.

3rd PLACE TEAM: Energy, 1000 pts

1ST PLACE ANGLER: Russell Petranto, 700 pts

2ND PLACE ANGLER: Marcelo Heyden, 400 pts

3RD PLACE ANGLER: Tucker Colquhoun, 400 pts

TOP BOAT: Southern Pride, 1900 pts

2ND BOAT: Alina, 1400 pts

3rd BOAT: Energy, 1000 pts.

Chorus of complaints from NBA stars over new rules

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – LeBron James and Pau Gasol have added their voices to the chorus of complaints from NBA basketball stars upset over the league's tough new rules regarding technical fouls.

Miami Heat's James fears the new rules and the way the referees implement them could serve to rob the emotional edge from the game.

"We are emotional players," James said. "I mean, just imagine if it's game seven of the finals and you feel like there was a call missed or something you felt should have been called and you show emotion."

"And you're at a point where you already have a technical foul, and now you get kicked out of game seven of the finals because of this rule. It wouldn't be great."

In September, the league announced it was expanding its "respect for the game" guidelines to include un-

sportsmanlike actions that it feels take away from the product on the floor - and how it looks on television.

Guidelines for issuing technical fouls now include gestures such as raising a fist in the air in anger, incredulous arm waving and excessive questioning of the call even in moderate tones.

"It's an emotional game, no matter what," Lakers forward Gasol, of Spain, said. "You're going to react if you don't agree with a call. You just can't keep yourself cool all the time. It'll be tough. It'll be an adjustment. I don't know if there's much we can do about it. If you complain, you might get fined even more."

The NBA players association has also entered the fray, saying it is planning to challenge saying the league's decision to hand out more technical fouls to complaining players is an "overreaction".



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